

St. George Orthodox Church

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SUNDAY AFTER THE ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS طروبارية الصليب بالحنن

Tone - 7 5th Matins Gospel {Luke 24:12-35}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE**

Confessions
8:30-9:30am

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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship in our Banquet Center!

Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "Liturgy" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

In the **Divine Liturgy** of **St. John Chrysostom**, we sing the following **Special Hymns**:

First Antiphon - Psalm 21

Verse 1. My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse 2. Why are You so far from helping me, and from the words of My groaning? *Refrain*

Verse 3. O my God, I cry in the daytime, but You do not hear. *Refrain*

Verse 4. But You are holy, enthroned in the praises of Israel. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father ... , now and ever Amen. *Refrain*

Second Antiphon - Psalm 73

Verse 1. O God, why have You cast us off forever?

Refrain: O Son of God who was crucified in the flesh, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Verse 2. Remember Your congregation, which You have purchased of old. *Refrain*

Verse 3. This is Mount Zion where You have dwelt. *Refrain*

Verse 4. God is our King before the ages. He has worked salvation in the midst of the earth. *Refrain*

Glory to the Father... now and ever Amen. *Only begotten Son...*

Third Antiphon - Psalm 98

Verse 1. The Lord reigns, let the people rage: He sits upon the cherubim, let the earth be moved.

Verse 2. The Lord is great in Zion: and He is high above all the people.

Verse 3. Let them give thanks to Your great name: for it is holy.

Troparion of the Elevation of the Holy Cross – Tone 1: O Lord, save Thy people and bless Thine inheritance. Grant victories to the Orthodox Christians over their adversaries; and by the virtue of Thy Cross, preserve Thy habitation.

خَلِّصْ يَا رَبُّ شَعْبَكَ وَبَارِكْ مِيرَاتِكَ. وَأَمْنَحْ عِبِيدَكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الْغَلْبَةَ عَلَى الشِّرِيرِ. وَأَحْفَظْ بِقُوَّةِ صَلَيبِكَ،
جَمِيعَ الْمُخْتَصِينَ بِكَ.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of the Resurrection—Tone 7

Thou didst shatter death by Thy Cross. Thou didst open paradise to the thief. Thou didst turn the sadness of the ointment-bearing women into joy; and didst bid Thine apostles proclaim a warning, that Thou hast risen O Christ, granting to the world the great mercy.

حطمت بصليبيك الموت وفتحت للصّ الفردوس. وحولت نوح حاملات الطيب الى فرح. وأمرت رسلك أن يكرزوا بأنك قد قمت أيها المسيح الاله. مانحا "العالم الرحمة العظمى".

Troparion of the Holy Cross—Tone 1 (as above)

Troparion for St. George—Tone 4

As deliverer of captives and defender of the poor, healer of the infirm, champion of kings: Victorious Great Martyr George, intercede with Christ our God, for our souls' salvation.

بما أنك للمأسورين محرر ومعتق، وللفقراء والمساكين عاضد وناصر، وللمرضى طيبب وشاف، وعن المؤمنين مكافح ومحارب، أيها العظيم في الشهداء جاورجيوس اللابس الظفر، تشفع إلى المسيح الإله في خلاص نفوسنا.

Kontakion for the Holy Cross—Tone 4

Do Thou, who of Thine own good will wast lifted up upon the Cross, O Christ our God, bestow Thy bounties upon the new nation which is called by Thy Name. Make glad in Thy might those who lawfully govern, that with them we may be led to victory over our adversaries, having in Thine aid a weapon of peace and a trophy invincible.

يا من ارتفعت على الصليب مختارا "أيها المسيح الاله. امنح رافتك لشعبك الجديد المسمى بك. وفرح بقوتك ملوكنا المؤمنين مانحا اياهم الغلبة على محاربيهم. لتكن لهم نصرتك سلاحا "للسلامة و ظفرا" غير مقهور

Epistle Reading: *Galatians 2:16-20* {Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross}

Gospel Reading: *Mark 8:34-9:1* {Sunday after the Elevation of the Cross}

Flower and Basil Offerings for the Elevation of the Holy Cross

- The Shaheen Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of parents **George** and **Beatrice** and brother **Kenneth**.
- Aida Nassar for the health of her family especially husband **Karam**, sons **Fred, Omar**, and **Salam**.

Holy Bread Offerings

- The Bathish children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for the health of their families especially **Emil** and **Hiam Bathish** on the occasion of their 61st anniversary of being united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony and for sister and aunt **Reem Ramirez** on the occasion of her birthday -- *May God grant them many years!* -- and in loving memory of grandparents **Yacoub** and **Marie Farah** and **Naif** and **Julia Bathish**.

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

Nicholas Abdallah – September 22nd

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- We also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **Roger** Sisk (+August 8th, brother of Carol Haddad), **Beverly** Kerbawy (+August 18th, relative of Dn. Michael), **Mary** Salim (+August 28th), **Fahed** Kahush (+August 28th, relative of Khaled Al-Khoury), **Issa** Musleh (August 31st, uncle of Sally Abuaita), and **Leland** Harris (+September 5th, father of Lee).
- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Bishop Alexander** (Ottawa and Eastern Canada, and Upstate New York), **Sahar** Abdallah, **Androlla** Abu Aita, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Manal** Abuaita, **Cesar** Banna, **Pamela Mary** Bassett, **Emil** Bathish, **Alex** and **Panayiotis** Deligorges, **Michael** Farah, **Vera** Farah, **Mariam** Ghanim (Manal's mother), **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Roland** Haddad, **Daisy** Isaac, **Nawal** and **Nemer** Iseid, **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola** Khoury, **Chuck** Koory, **Danny** Mortensen, **Karam** Nassar, **George** and **Renee** Nassif, **Aida** Raffoul, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Eva** Saseen (niece of George and Jeanette Nassif), **Michael** Silpoch, **William** Sophiea Jr., **Lois** Teunion, and **Vicki** Toma (sister of Fr. Joe); Dr. **Anton** and **Julia** Khoury and newborn **Gabriella** (August 8th); **Christina** Alqazaha who was brought into the Orthodox Faith through the Holy Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation, and the reception of her First Communion; **Andrew Gary** Gagne and **Katrina** Khoury who are to be united in the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Jenny** (Hanna) Abuaita, **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunyia** (Iyad) Abufarha {Ibrahim and Eman's son}, **Walaa** (Rami) Khoury, **Rachel** (Andrew) Sackllah {Suheil and Abeer's daughter}, and **Karen** (Nicholas) Shaheen {Drs. Ron and Kathy's son}.

Communion Hymn (for the Lord's Day)

(Refrain) Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise Him in the highest.

(Verse) Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him, all you shining stars! (Refrain)

(Verse) Praise Him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! (Refrain)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Reception of Holy Communion

Please remember only ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS who have PREPARED themselves may partake of Holy Communion. *"But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For he who eats and drinks in an unworthy manner eats and drinks judgment to himself, not discerning the Lord's body."* (1 Corinthians 11:28-29). If you are physically able, please remain standing during Holy Communion. If you have a special need, let one of the ushers know so they may assist you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP is hosted by *the Bathish Children and their Families*.

COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOSTS Available dates: October 7th, 14th, and 21st ~ sign-up poster and

hosting information is in the Lounge and includes: bringing whatever you wish to serve and cleaning up afterwards. St. George provides coffee, cups, cream, and sugar at a charge to the host of \$25. For more information, see Manal Abuaita.

FR. JOE—OUT-OF-TOWN Fr. Joe and Leslee week will be at a parishioner wedding and then take a few days of vacation beginning this Friday. Fr. Joe will return to the office on Thursday, Sept. 27th. Next Sunday, September 23rd, Protodeacon Michael will celebrate *Matins* (8:50am) and the *Typika Service* at 10am. For emergencies while Fr. Joe is away, please call Protodeacon Michael Bassett (St. George, 989-627-9580), Fr. Gabriel Bilas (St. Mary Magdalene, 810-750-1401), or Fr. Matthew Butrie (St. Nicholas, 810-744-0070). Please pray for their safe travels.

MIDDLE EASTERN COMMUNITY LUNCH AND BAKE SALE Our Ladies Auxiliary is having this great event for our community, family, and friends on Thursday, September 27th from 11am-3pm. Tickets are available from any member. Everyone is asked to help – all profits benefit our church! Drivers are needed for deliveries. Cooking Schedule at 10am each day: this Thursday, September 20th – Kibbee. If you would like to make sweets for the bake sale, contact or see Sally Abuaita (810-965-1046). *Please bring sweets to the hall on Wednesday, September 26th or early on Thursday, September 27th.* **\$\$ Donations are welcomed to offset our costs.**

COMING EVENTS

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| This Week | The traditional fasting discipline (<i>no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil, and their by-products</i>) is observed on Wednesday and Friday. |
| Monday | Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 3-5pm |
| Wednesday | Arabic/English Bible Study: Acts of the Apostles 12-2pm SOYO Wednesday 7-9pm |
| Thursday | Cooking Meat Pies 10am Parish Council Dinner Meeting 6:15pm Any parishioner is welcome to come, observe, and make comments at the appropriate time on the Agenda. |
| Friday | Pan-Orthodox Orthodox Christian Fellowship (OCF) at St. George 7pm |
| Saturday | No Great Vespers |

SEPTEMBER 16TH ~ AFTER FEAST OF THE FINDING AND ELEVATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Saint Helen, the pious mother of Saint Constantine the Great, was already advanced in years when she undertook the hardships of a journey to Jerusalem in search of the Holy Cross about the year 325. Previously, the Emperor Hadrian defiled and covered the place where the saving Passion of Christ had been suffered on Golgotha with a temple to the pagan goddess Aphrodite. When she arrived, the venerable Helen had the statue of Aphrodite destroyed and the earth removed, revealing the Tomb of our Lord, along with three crosses. Of these, it was believed one was used for the crucifixion our Lord and the other two for the thieves crucified with Him. At the inspiration of Saint Macarios, Archbishop of Jerusalem, a woman of Jerusalem, who was already at the point of death from a certain disease, was brought to touch the crosses. As soon as she came near to the Cross of our Lord, she was completely healed. The precious Cross was lifted high by Archbishop Macarios and when the people saw it they cried out, "*Lord have mercy*". After its discovery, a portion of the venerable Cross was taken to Constantinople and the rest was left in Jerusalem in the magnificent church built by Saint Helen, until the year 614. At that time, the Persians plundered Palestine and took the Cross to their own country. In the year 628, Emperor Heraclius set out on a military campaign to Persia, retrieved the Cross, and brought it to Constantinople. From there, he escorted it back to Jerusalem.

Savor

Mediterranean culinary delights and wine from the Middle East, Italy, Greece, and France.

Listen

to contemporary sounds throughout the evening.

Peruse

the stunning entertainment and exhibits featuring Mediterranean cultures.

Enjoy

an evening of friendly mingling and pleasure!



Your evening closes with a Nightfall Party and dessert buffet of Mediterranean amusements and delights created especially for you!



Your Participation and contributions support
St. George Orthodox Church,
Catholic Charities of Shiawassee and Genesee Counties,
and The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan.

THE MIDDLE EAST | ITALY | GREECE | FRANCE

TASTE *of the* MEDITERRANEAN

Saturday, November 3, 2018

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**Taste of the
Mediterranean:**

7:00 p.m. - Midnight

**The Mediterranean
Experience Tickets:**

\$100 per person

includes food & wine tastings
and admission into
Nightfall Party

